THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Hon. the Minister for Law happens to have gone to Meppadi in his personal capacity."

Prohibition constables in Cuddapah district.

* 92 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH (on behalf of Sri V. Chidanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many temporary prohibition constables are in Cuddapah district;

(*b*) whether all of them will be merged into permanent service;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that recently very few of them were selected to be sent for training;

(*d*) if so, when the rest will be trained;

(*e*) whether the Government are going to disband any of the existing men; and

(*f*) what is the number of years of service such men have put in by now?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) There are 148 temporary guards in Cuddapah district.

" (*b*) No. Only such of those who satisfy the conditions of recruitment laid down by the Government for the regular selections as prohibition guards will be merged into permanent service.

" (*c*) Yes. Out of 148 temporary guards only 18 of the guards were selected as they only satisfied the conditions laid down by the Government for the selection of prohibition guards for regular appointment and these will be deputed for Police training in due course.

" (*d*) The question of training the remaining prohibition guards in Cuddapah does not arise at present, since they have not satisfied the conditions prescribed for regular selection, i.e., 5 feet 6 inches in height and a pass in VIII standard or III Form.

" (*e*) Not now. But in due course when suitable persons to fill up the posts are available.

" (*f*) The service of such men ranges from 6 months to 2½ years."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" At the time when the Prohibition constabulary is to be disbanded, will the Government consider the feasibility of absorbing all of them into their regular constabulary taking into account their past service and relaxing some of the qualifications prescribed for the post? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Government have not yet come to any conclusion on this matter. When that question comes up for the Government's consideration, the suggestion of the hon. Member may be considered."

Sri G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, do the Government contemplate any increase in the number of Prohibition staff please ?"

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" That is not under consideration at present, Sir."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Have the Government notified these constables who have no qualified permanent service that their names would be struck off and they would be sent out at any time ? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Of course these constables have been recruited only temporarily and therefore no notice seems to be necessary."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, when these constables were recruited on a temporary basis, how did the Government find their qualifications sufficient and if the Government have found them fit to be retained for as long a period as 2½ years, cannot they pass orders making the service of these constables permanent ? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" This Government is not aware of the policy of the then Government, Sir." (Laughter.)

Sri M. LAKSHMANASWAMI :—" కొన్ని జిల్లాలలో ఈ ప్రొహిబిషను డిపార్టుమెంటు ఎత్తివేసి పోలీసు డిపార్టుమెంటుకు ఇచ్చివేసేరు. మొత్తం అన్ని జిల్లాలలోను ఈ పని పోలీసులకు ఎందుకు ఇవ్వలేదో చెబుతారా ? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" Translation please ! "

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Does the rule provide for the translation of the speech of one hon. Member by another ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" There is no rule. But the Chair can allow it if it thinks it necessary."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" In some districts Prohibition is put in charge of the Police department while in some it is under the charge of the Excise department. The hon. Member wants to know whether it would not be feasible to have only one department entirely in charge of Prohibition or hand over the whole to the Police department."

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" The matter is under the consideration of the present Government."